

Date: 22 December 2019

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Topic: O Happy Day!

Scripture text: Genesis 3:15

1. Genesis 3:15 is the first proclamation of happy news and it was given at a time after Adam sinned against God and curses were passed upon all men and creatures. Death passed upon all men, for all have sinned because of the first sin committed by Adam against God. Despite the curses proclaimed upon all men, it was still a happy day because God prophesied the birth of Jesus Christ, who will be born of a virgin. The conception of Jesus was not by the seed of a man, but the power of the Holy Spirit. Adam named his wife "Eve", which means "living".

2. Jesus' mission during His first coming was to give a fatal blow to Satan by saving us from the bondage of sin. Jesus did so by fulfilling all righteousness, shedding His precious blood for the propitiation of our sins and then rising from the dead on the third day. Jesus was perfectly sinless and was victorious in conquering sin, death and hell on behalf of sinners. All who repent and believe on Jesus' name will receive forgiveness of sins and enjoy eternal life in heaven. Without Christ, we are bound for hell and eternal suffering in the lake of fire.

3. Christmas is a happy day because we remember the birth of Jesus Christ and His redemptive work. All earthly gifts pale in comparison to the perfect gift from God - Jesus Christ. We have hope in this world because of the birth of Jesus Christ some 2,000 years ago.